

Documentation Tips - 2017

KEY “Anesthesia” Diagnoses/Tips:

- **BMI: Specify #** (If $\geq 40 \rightarrow$ “**Morbid Obesity**”) (Increased Risk for Sleep Apnea, Resp. Failure)
- **Wound Dehiscence:** Specify if it was POA;
- **Malnutrition:** Make Clin. Dx; “**Cachexia?**”
- **Asp. Pneumonia = Inhalational Pneumonitis:** Specify Food/Vomit, Other; Anesthesia Related?
- **Infections:** Specify If surgery-related / POA; (Specify if “**Bacterial**”, “**Gram Neg**”; +Add Site)
- **Caution w/ the term “Post-Op” + a [Dx]:** Which may trigger a “complication” code; (Explain causes of new Dx, esp. if they are an exacerbation of an underlying Acute/Chronic Dx)
- **Elective Intubation:** (e.g. Airway Protection) \neq Resp. Failure; Use Coma or ID underlying Dx;
- **Prolonged Intubation:** For Safety/Convenience is NOT Acute Resp. Failure; Bill for Vent Mgmt.
- **Post-Proc. Acute Resp. Fail.:** (complication) (Required New or Re-Intubation or Vent >96 hrs)
- **Post-Proc. Acute Pulmonary Insufficiency:** (Pt. was managed w/o New or Re-Intubation)

ID POA “Non-Compliance” / “Control Issues” AntiCoag-Cardiac-Pulmonary-Renal-Diabetic Rx or Dialysis, PLUS any Past Anesthesia / Surgery, Vent Weaning, Blood Trans, Wound Healing issues and all potential causes for post-op complications...